

Dress Code 2011-2012

Student dress is to be neat, clean, and modest at all times. Seton students should show respect for themselves and their school by taking pride in their appearance. Inappropriate clothing will be brought to the student's attention by a faculty/staff member and may result in one or more demerits. Note that Seton has four dress codes (Uniform, Classroom, Activities, and Casual Dress) that are outlined in the following pages.

General Guidelines for All Dress Codes

Clothing

- Clothing is to be neat and clean. Ragged or obviously patched clothing is unacceptable. Neatly mended clothing is acceptable. Denim clothing of any type is not permitted.
- **Shirts and blouses must have collars and sleeves.** Blouses and shirts may have no more than one button unbuttoned at the neck. Buttons that fasten down the collar must be buttoned. Long-sleeved jerseys are not to be worn under short-sleeved shirts or blouses. Sleeves may not be rolled up. Cuffs must be buttoned.
- Girls' tops must be opaque and not be made of any clinging material. Girls must always wear a blouse or turtleneck under any style sweater.
- Boys and girls may wear thermal clothing under the uniform as long as it is not visible.
- Leggings for girls – see individual dress codes.
- The following is unacceptable: tight clothing, exposed underclothing, bare midriffs, crop tops, low-cut tops, rock music T-shirts, and clothing with any inappropriate symbols, pictures, or words.

Make-up/Jewelry

- Showy makeup and excesses in jewelry and/or attachments to clothing are not permitted.
- Only clear, neutral, or light pink shades of nail polish is permitted.
- Boys may not wear earrings on school property or to school functions.
- Girls may wear no more than one earring per ear, in the earlobe.

Hairstyles

- Extreme or fad hair styles (including spiked hair) or colors (including obviously dyed, bleached, frosted, or highlighted hair) are not permitted. The student may be sent home and allowed to return to school when his or her hair has returned to normal color.
- Boys' hair may not be more than four inches long at any point, must be above the collar, and must be neatly styled. Boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns may not extend below the ear.
- Girls' hair must be neatly styled and combed.
- Bangs may not be below the eyebrows

Uniform Dress Code

The Uniform Dress Code is in effect for all regular school days during regular school hours unless announced otherwise. Anything that does not conform to these guidelines will be considered a violation of the dress code. Students not dressed in appropriate dress code will receive demerits and may be sent home.

Outerwear

- Uniform sweaters (gray for seniors), Seton wind shirts, Seton fleece jackets, Seton varsity jackets, official Seton sports team jackets, approved Seton senior class jackets, and navy blue blazers (gray for seniors) are the only acceptable outerwear for uniform dress code. Sweaters and wind shirts must be worn over

the blue oxford cloth shirt and/or over a turtleneck. Varsity jackets, sports team jackets, and senior class jackets must be worn over the oxford shirt. (We recommend purchasing one of the above articles of outerwear to wear in cold classrooms.)

- Uniform sweaters must be purchased through the uniform supplier. There are five styles available in navy with gold "Seton" logo. Seniors have the option of purchasing one of the five styles in gray with gold "Seton" logo.
- Wind shirts are available for order through the Athletic Department.
- If students wear another form of outerwear to school, it must not be worn during Mass or class. (Remove illegal outerwear immediately after entering pew or classroom.) This includes other sweaters, sweatshirts (including Seton sweatshirts), vests, etc.

Uniform Shirts

- Students must wear a shirt meeting all three of the following criteria: (1) light blue, (2) button-down collar, (3) oxford cloth shirt. (No French blue, other fabric, brand-name insignia on shirt pocket, etc.) Button-down collar buttons must be buttoned. Sleeves may be short or long. Long sleeves must be unrolled and buttoned at the wrists. (No puffy sleeves or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves.)
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times. (No shirts rolled under. No elastic sewn on shirt to make it look tucked.)
- A shirt, such as a plain undershirt or turtleneck, may be worn under the oxford cloth uniform shirt. (No portion of these shirts may protrude from either short or long sleeved uniform shirt sleeves.)
- Girls may have only the top button unbuttoned.
- Boys must wear a necktie properly tied at the neck to cover the top button. Neckties must be properly tied when students arrive on campus in the morning. Ties may be removed for after school activities.
- For girls a turtleneck shirt may be worn under the uniform sweater.

Uniform Skirts

- Skirts must be **below** the kneecap in the front of the leg and must **cover** the crease in the back of the leg so that the knees are covered when walking or sitting, must be loose-fitting, and must be A-line style or better. (If your skirt folds on the floor when kneeling, it will cover your kneecaps when walking or sitting.) Skirts must not be short, tight, or straight.
- Girls in grades 7-11 may choose from the following skirt styles:
 1. Plaid Knife Pleated Skirt from Flynn & O'Hara
 2. Navy 4 Kick Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O'Hara
 3. Navy A-Line sewn skirt **(See office for details.)**
- Girls in grade 12 have the option of adding the following skirt styles:
 1. Gray 4 Kick Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O'Hara
 2. Gray A-Line sewn skirt **(See office for details.)**
 3. Gray skirt of their choosing which meets the Uniform Dress Code requirements. It must be approved by two people on the Parent/Faculty Uniform Committee before school starts. Seniors must wear their plaid or navy skirt described above until gray skirt is approved. **(See office for additional details.)**
- Plaid and blue skirts from the previous suppliers of Campus Outfitters and Educational Outfitters may be worn to accommodate families who already have skirts from these companies.
- The plaid wrap skirt has never been an approved uniform skirt. This skirt is not an option.
- **When ordering your skirt from Flynn & O'Hara**, your options are to order the Teen Long or the Custom Length. Flynn & O'Hara skirts do not parallel traditional skirt sizing. They are sized by waist measurements. All skirts come with a 2" hem. **Order by July 1st to ensure delivery before the first day of school.** Remember to identify yourself as a Seton family so that you will order the correct skirt.

*Seton's Uniform Closet has used skirts that meet the above requirements.

Uniform Pants

- Boys in grades 7-11 must wear navy dress slacks of traditional prep school style.
- Boys in grade 12 have the option of wearing gray dress slacks of the same style.
- Boys must wear a dark colored belt of conservative style. (No studded belts, etc. No chains/key chains hanging from belts or pockets. Tuck them in your pockets.)
- Not permitted – jeans styling; cargo and painter pants; loose, baggy, or tight styles; off the waist styles; dragging cuffs, etc.

Uniform Socks

- All students **must** wear socks.
- Girls may wear hose or tights.
- Girls may wear leggings during the winter, but knee-length leggings must be pulled up above the kneecap. Full-length leggings are not permitted.

Uniform Shoes

- All students must wear **solid-colored brown or black shoes**. (This includes shoelaces.) **Traditional, conservative** styles such as oxfords or loafers are recommended. Shoes with a lighter or darker sole are acceptable as long as they meet all other requirements. (See *Not permitted* below.) Shoelaces must be tied properly.
- Girls and boys may also wear **all black** athletic shoes. (Check at WalMart or on-line at WalMart, Target, Payless, Famous Footwear, or DSW.)
- Girls may also wear flats, Mary Janes, heels (not to exceed two inches measured from the back of the heel), and dress boots.
- Not permitted – sneakers; shoes with white sneaker-like soles; moccasins; multi-colored shoes; shoes with stripes, plaids, sequins, or sparkles; sandals; open-toed shoes; sling-backs; mules; clogs; platform shoes; work boots; cowboy boots; rain boots; Ugg boots; Army boots; etc.

Uniform after School

Any students who remain on campus after school must be in uniform until they leave unless they are participating in a school sport or other activity which does not require uniform dress code.

Classroom Dress Code

Classroom Dress Code applies to Seniors on the first school day of each month and on occasional, announced out-of-uniform school days for other students. **Classroom Dress Code follows the basic guidelines of Uniform Dress Code with the exceptions listed below and no others.** Students not dressed in appropriate dress code may be sent home from the event and may receive appropriate demerits. ***Anything that does not conform to these guidelines will be considered a violation of the dress code.***

Uniform Shoes Dress Code is in effect, unless otherwise announced for a particular event.

Boys Classroom Dress Code

Boys will wear a dress shirt, tie, belt, and dress pants **following the same guidelines of Uniform Dress Code** except that different colors may be worn. In cold weather boys may wear a sweater or dress jacket.

Girls Classroom Dress Code

Girls will wear dresses or skirts and blouses following these guidelines.

- Girls' dresses/skirts must be **below** the kneecap in the front of the leg and must **cover** the crease in the back of the leg so that the knees are covered when walking or sitting and must be loose-fitting. (If your dress/skirt folds on the floor when kneeling, it will cover your kneecaps when walking or sitting.) Dresses/skirts must not be short, tight, clingy, or form fitting.

- Slits or gaps in dresses/skirts are **not** permitted. Dresses/skirts which are made with any gap must be sewn – not pinned – closed or have material sewn in to make a pleat rather than a slit/gap. Wrap-around dresses/skirts are not permitted. Button-down skirts must button to below the knee.
- Dresses do not need a collar; however, the dress necklines must not be more than two inches below the collar bone (about the width of three fingers) unless a turtle neck or crewneck T-shirt is worn under it.
- Girls’ dress tops may be collared or collarless. If collarless, the neckline must be the same or better than dress necklines with no collar. Tops must be opaque and not be made of any clinging material.
- The following is unacceptable: wide or low necklines that are more than two inches below the collar bone (about the width of three fingers) and expose more than a crewneck T-shirt, tight clothing, exposed underclothing, bare midriffs, or crop tops. Camis to raise necklines are not acceptable. Scarves to cover low or wide necklines are not acceptable.
- Sweaters may be worn for Classroom Dress Code, but a blouse or turtleneck under any style sweater must always be worn. Sweaters cannot be tight or low cut.
- Girls may wear leggings during the winter that extend below the hem of the dress/skirt only if the dress/skirt is the dress code length (**below** the kneecap).

Activities Dress Code

Activities Dress Code applies for all field trips and extracurricular activities except sports, unless announced otherwise. Activities Dress Code follows the guidelines for Classroom Dress Code with the below listed exceptions.

Boys Activities Dress Code

- Follow the guidelines for classroom dress code.
- Exceptions
 1. Dress shirts and ties are not required, but all shirts must have collars.
 2. Corduroy pants with jeans styling are acceptable.
 3. Sneakers may be worn unless otherwise announced.
- Unacceptable – jeans of any color and shorts

Girls Activities Dress Code

- Follow the guidelines for classroom dress code.
- Exceptions
 1. Dress pants may be worn.
 2. Capris and sandals may be worn.
 3. Sneakers may be worn unless otherwise announced.
- Unacceptable – tight fitting pants or capris, jeans of any color, pants with jean styling, and shorts

Casual Dress Code

Casual Dress Code applies for any sporting event. Other events may be announced as “casual, but modest dress” as well. In these instances follow these guidelines:

- Students may wear modest and appropriate jeans, shorts, and T-shirts to sports events unless announced otherwise
- Shorts worn on Seton property or to any Seton activity must be below fingertip length.
- All shirts must have sleeves at practice and at games – both spectators and players – except sleeveless sport’s uniform shirts that have passed inspection.
- Sneakers are appropriate.
- Unacceptable – tight clothing of any type, short shirts, bare midriffs, or rock T-shirts

Athletic Uniforms and Practice Clothing

Clothing worn to sports practices must meet the same standards of modesty as the uniforms furnished by Seton School. It should not be too short or too tight.